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GENERAL AMAN

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THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN THE MILITARY RULING GROUP APPEARS TO BE INTENSIFYING. NCOS ON THE 120-MEMBER ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY HAVE COMPLAINED TO OFFICERS ON THE COMMITTEE ABOUT DROPPING GENERAL AMAN AS ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF ON SATURDAY. THE NCOS ARE ALSO SAID TOO HAVE QUERIED THE OFFICERS ABOUT RUMORS THAT AMAN IS TO BE DEPRIVED OF ANOTHER OF HIS POSTS. HE IS TITULAR HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTER, AND DEFENSE MINISTER.

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ALL THREE POSTS. HIS GROWING POPULARITY IS RESENTED BY SOME OFFICERS ON THE COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH OTHER OFFICERS AND THE NCOS APPEAR TO SUPPORT HIM.

OTHER POSSIBLE INDICATIONS OF TROUBLE WITHIN THE MILITARY ARE:

--AN ETHIOPIAN RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY RESCINDING WITHOUT

EXPLANATION TWO KEY MILITARY APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED ONLY TWO

DAYS AGO AND

--AN UNUSUAL FLY-OVER OF THE CAPITAL TODAY BY FOUR AIR FORCE PLANES. E-2 IMDPET.H

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